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Executive

18 October 1949

Budget Officer

Shortage of Funds at [redacted]

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1. There is attached the report submitted by the Acting Chief, Finance Division, Special Support Staff, relative to the shortage in funds which occurred in connection with the operations at the [redacted] and the recommendation of the Assistant Director, Office of Special Operations, dated 11 October 1949.

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2. A Statement of Reconciliation (refer to Tab G) has been secured from the Acting Chief, Finance Division, for the purpose of indicating how on the basis of arithmetical verifications the net shortage of \$2,169.47 was determined, since this figure is not in agreement with the dollar equivalent of the net overages and shortages shown in the attached investigative reports. Further audits performed by the Finance Division of the accounts in question should not effect the amount of the actual shortage since any questions arising from such audits would be handled in accordance with Confidential Funds regulations in the normal manner.

3. Under the circumstances this Office desires to submit the following recommendations, which are substantially the same as those included in the memorandum from the Assistant Director, Office of Special Operations;

(a) It is considered advisable that the shortage of \$2,169.47 be written off as operational expenses of the [redacted] Base applicable to the fiscal year 1949. Further efforts to make any breakdown in this allocation would not serve any useful purpose at this time.

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(b) It is not considered advisable to administratively reprimand the officials concerned since those individuals having primary responsibility for the operations of the Base and the handling or supervision of necessary accounting records have been required to exhaustively report and assist in the investigation and the basic purpose of a reprimand (if otherwise considered necessary) has in essence already been accomplished. This conclusion appears to be particularly appropriate since it is indicated that [redacted] performed an exceptionally good operational job under most adverse and trying circumstances.

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4. Should you feel that additional information is desired in order to permit a satisfactory determination in line with the recommendations submitted, this Office will be glad to render further assistance to the Finance Division, Special Support Staff.

E. R. SAUNDERS

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